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Re: Application of: Reinhold MEIER  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (d), after the mailing date of a Final Office Action. The references cited in the accompanying PTO-Form 1449 were first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as attached therein and/or fee are being deposited with the United States Patent and Trademark Office electronically via EFS-Web on December 13, 2011.  
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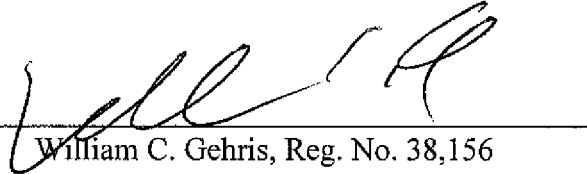
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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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